

Becoming a Tree City USA



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IS YOUR COMMUNITY A TREE CITY USA?

- ▶ According to the Arbor Day Foundation Data:
 - ▶ To date, there are over 3,400 Tree City USA's in the United States. Florida has now 164 Tree City USA Communities ranking our state fifth among the 50 states
 - ▶ 47% of FL lives in a Tree City USA Community
 - ▶ 0 new Tree City USA Communities
- ▶ Miami Dade County has about 35 Cities, Towns or Villages. Out of the 35, 15 are currently designated Tree City USA.



WHY YOUR CITY SHOULD BECOME A TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY

- ▶ Reduce Costs
- ▶ Cut Energy Consumption
- ▶ Boost Property Values
- ▶ Build Stronger Ties
- ▶ Honor Your Community



BENEFITS OF THE TREE CITY USA PROGRAM

- ▶ Creating a foundation for tree care and expanding an innovative community tree program:
- ▶ Framework for Action
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Public Image and Community Pride
- ▶ Publicity



TREE CITY USA STANDARDS

- ▶ Four Standards for the Tree City USA Recognition:
 - ▶ A Tree Board or Committee
 - ▶ A Tree Ordinance
 - ▶ A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita
 - ▶ Proclamation and Arbor Day Observance

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- ▶ A list of the Board Members and Meeting Dates
- ▶ Copy of the Ordinance
- ▶ Work Plan
- ▶ Proclamation
- ▶ Observance of Arbor Day

- ▶ Sample Ordinance and check list online
- ▶ Sample Work Plan work sheet online
- ▶ Sample Proclamation and checklist online

<http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/apply.cfm>

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